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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Joint Application by BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., Pursuant to Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-Region, IntraLATA Services in Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina, WC Docket No. 02-150 - Ex Parte Notification

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, August 21, 2002, Jake Jennings, representing NewSouth Communications Corp., and the undersigned, met, in four separate meetings, with Matthew Brill, Legal Assistant to Commissioner Abernathy; Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Assistant to Commissioner Copps; Christopher Libertelli, Legal Assistant to Chairman Powell; and Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Assistant to Commissioner Martin, to discuss checklist compliance issues raised in NewSouth's August 5, 2002 *ex parte* and BellSouth's August 15, 2002 response thereto.

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In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter is being filed with your office. If you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Heitmann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John J. Heitmann

JJH/cpa

cc: Matthew Brill
Jordan Goldstein
Daniel Gonzalez
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